

Smith (MI)	Taylor (NC)	Wamp
Smith (NJ)	Tejeda	Ward
Smith (TX)	Thomas	Watt (NC)
Solomon	Thornberry	Watts (OK)
Souder	Thurman	Weldon (FL)
Spence	Tiahrt	Weldon (PA)
Spratt	Torkildsen	Weller
Stark	Torres	White
Stearns	Torricelli	Whitfield
Stenholm	Towns	Wicker
Stokes	Trafigant	Williams
Studds	Upton	Wilson
Stump	Velazquez	Wolf
Stupak	Visclosky	Wyden
Talent	Vucanovich	Wynn
Tanner	Waldholtz	Young (FL)
Tate	Walker	Zeliff
Tauzin	Walsh	

NAYS—49

Abercrombie	Gutknecht	Rush
Brown (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Sabo
Clay	Hefley	Schroeder
Coleman	Hilliard	Skaggs
Costello	Jacobs	Slaughter
DeFazio	LaFalce	Stockman
Durbin	Levin	Taylor (MS)
Farr	Lewis (GA)	Thompson
Fazio	Maloney	Vento
Filner	Martinez	Volkmer
Foglietta	McKinney	Waters
Funderburk	Menendez	Waxman
Gephardt	Miller (CA)	Wise
Geren	Oberstar	Woolsey
Gibbons	Pickett	Zimmer
Gillmor	Pomeroy	
Gutierrez	Reynolds	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Harman	Salmon
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NOT VOTING—27

Bateman	Engel	Pombo
Bryant (TX)	Fattah	Richardson
Chapman	Fields (TX)	Riggs
Clyburn	Herger	Roybal-Allard
Collins (MI)	Johnson, Sam	Smith (WA)
Crane	Klecicka	Thornton
Cubin	Leach	Tucker
Dickey	McIntosh	Yates
Dixon	Mfume	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TORKILDSEN). Today the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the gentleman from Washington [Mr. WHITE].

Mr. WHITE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE HOUSTON ROCKETS: BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I take the floor to honor the 1995 National Basketball Association back-to-back champions, the Houston Rockets.

Let me take a minute out of our day because we are going to talk about the defense budget, to say that the Houston Rockets have definitively proven hard work, great coaching, great teamwork, and uncompromising drive are the best ingredients for champions,

just like our country has shown. Hakeem Olajuwon, the most valuable player in the finals for 2 consecutive years, was a teammate of Clyde Drexler, and they both played at the University of Houston during the 1980's. They can now share the world championship.

The Houston Rockets are coached by Rudy Tomjanovich. Their outstanding players include, Robert Horry from Alabama, Sam Cassell from Baltimore, Kenny Smith, who played college basketball at North Carolina, and, again, Clyde Drexler, a Houstonian and graduate of Sterling High School in Houston, and Hakeem Olajuwon, who was born in Nigeria, joined by our team owner, Les Alexander, who is actually from Florida.

They have shown each of us what hard work and teamwork and pride can do. They also demonstrated that especially immigrants have a great deal to offer to our society. Because, my fellow Members, as Americans we all come from somewhere but we also are all in this together.

Our congratulations to the 1995 Houston Rockets, again, back-to-back champions.

WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT'S NEW BUDGET?

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I certainly welcome the fact that the President of the United States has joined the Congress in calling for a balanced budget. I have noticed that the media has already begun a comparison of the President's new budget with the House and Senate budget resolutions. But there is a problem. The problem is there is no new Presidential budget, at least not yet.

Now, this is a budget, in fact, this is the President's budget that the President submitted to the Congress in February of this year. By its size, you can see it is a point-by-point spending plan for every Government agency and every Government program, just as the House and Senate budget resolutions provide for.

But we have seen no similar set of documents since the President's speech to the Nation the other night referring to a new budget. So, when the President says that he wants to increase spending for education, we have no idea how he intends to pay for it, and when the President says there will be a 20 percent cut in discretionary spending except for education and defense, we have no idea whether that means 20 percent across the board or whether it means an average of a 20-percent cut.

Mr. Speaker, to conclude, a famous commercial once said, "Where's the beef?" I would like to paraphrase that to say, "Where is the President's new budget?"

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET-BALANCING PROPOSAL

(Mr. MINGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, when I first ran for office in 1992, I did so in large part because I was concerned about our growing budget deficit. I am pleased that the debate in the beltway has finally caught up with the demands of the people back home. We are now properly debating how to balance the budget, not whether we should balance the budget.

I applaud the President for joining this historic effort. His proposal this week greatly improves the chances for us to find consensus on a plan to balance the budget.

The Democratic Party cannot expect to regain the majority if its Members are content to sit on the sidelines and snipe while the Republicans pass a plan to put our fiscal house in order. Republicans and Democrats ought to support the President's decision.

The American people want us to put pretty partisan politics aside and address the critical issues that confront this country.

Nothing is more of a concern than our budget deficit.

The American people are willing to accept cuts in programs that are important to them if they are convinced that everyone is being asked to sacrifice for the good of the country.

The President put politics aside and did the right and responsible thing. We need to balance the budget. We need the President's leadership. We should welcome his participation and work together.

CLINTON BUDGET NO. 2

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the President has submitted Clinton budget No. 2. I am glad that he has finally realized that the American people really do want a balanced budget, and while we are still waiting on the details, I did find something very interesting in the 15-page summary the President submitted.

Clinton budget 2 does not propose to eliminate any Cabinet-level departments of the Federal Government. Mr. Speaker, this is amazing. The Republican budget cuts the huge Federal bureaucracy by eliminating three Cabinet-level departments. The Federal Government is too big and spends too much.

Republicans want to streamline the Federal Government by cutting waste and eliminating unnecessary positions. The Republican majority understands the American people want a smaller government.